EVIDENCE ADDUCED

WITNESSES TELL OF ACTIONS OF JOHN NELSON.

The Man Accused of Starting the Blaze in Gambling Houses July 14.

Details of the burning of several gambling houses in Jackson City the night of July 14, for which John Nelson stands inficted, were heard today in the Alexandria county court, on Fort Myer Heights, Judge James M. Love presiding. The morningand afternoon sessions of the court were taken up with the examination of witnesses brought forward by counsel for the commonwealth. Most of the evidence was of a positive character, and many of the statements made were of a startling nature. All of the important witnesses were sub-

son's counsel. In the main, however, the principal statements were adhered to. The presence of a large crowd in the court room manifested the continued interest in the trial. Nelson sat with his attorneys, with whom he frequently consulted. Next to him, just out-side of the bar, was Mrs. Nelson, who has a . ended her husband since his arraignment and who has shown deep concern in the

jected to a rigid cross-examination by Nel-

The testimony of James La Fontaine, whose name has figured largely in the case, was commenced this afternoon after recess. He was in Jackson City the night of the fire and had seen Nelson near the building where the blaze originated. At a late hour this afternoon he was being subjected to a severe cross-examination.

La Fontaine told of a conversation be tween himself and Nelson the night of the Nelson declared that the business would have to be closed down, saying he was tired of being dictated to. La Fontaine remonstrated, protesting that his busi ness would be injured. He said he told Nelson he had never done him any wrong, but the latter, he said, was firm in his pur-

He said, according to the witness, that Virginia was not large enough for himself and his former associates. A few minutes later, witness stated, the building commenced to burn. After the fire a meeting occurred between the witness and the defendant, in which, witness stated, Nelson

I am willing to take ten years for what La Fontaine was on the stand undergoing cross-examination at 3 o'clock.

Witnessed the Conflagration. William B. Tippett, who conducts a publie vehicle business in Washington, was placed on the stand soon after Judge Love took his seat on the bench this morning He was in Jackson City the night of the fire and witnessed the conflagration. The wind, he noticed, was blowing toward the other houses from the one first ablaze. He saw Nelson just before the fire in company with Mr. La Fontaine. They were in conversation and witness said he heard Nelson say: "From now on," and his companion replied, "Yes, from now on." Witness said he saw Nelson enter the house of Foster and Sanderson, from which he emerged a few minutes later. Witness class emerged a few minutes later. Witness also saw a man named Jack Diggs come out of the house. In a few minutes the fire start-ed. Nelson warned witness not to go into

Tippett not to enter the house. The latter, however, had his team near the burning house, toward which he went to convey his property away from the point of danger. Witness also saw Nelson a short time later Coming toward the vehicle of witness Nelson leaned on the wheel, remarking, Tip-We'll see what Jew (qualified with an

oath) wears diamonds now." At 12:30, witness stated, he saw Nelson he was then thought to be going toward his home. Tippett saw John Tighe and a colored man named Williams at the scene of the fire. The latter was carrying sundry articles out of a building belonging to

Under cross-examination conducted by Mr. Moore, Tippett stated that prior to July 14 he was accustomed to take his vehicle to Jackson City almost every night. The team was usually stopped five or ten feet from one of the alleged gambling buildings. persisted in his statement that he knew visiting Jackson City in his business interests for twelve years.

Witness admitted that all Nelson had said without any attempt at concealment. Tip-pett had never been in the employ of any of the Jackson City people except in the way of hiring his team. Since the fire he had been employed by La Fontaine, San-derson and Foster to drive them about Washington. Tippett stated that last Satur-

Under Mr. Moore's questioning witness admitted that it was an hour and a half before Nelson left Jackson City after the He had not talked much about the affair, he said, since its occurrence. ot say anything in regard to it to Mr. La Fontaine the day following, neither did he know what building, if any, La Fontaine had an interest in.

Colored Woman Testifies.

Martha Luckett, a colored woman residcounty. The driver was unknown to her. Jos ph Hunley, residing at 508 E street southeast, Washington, and following the vocation of an engineer, was next placed on the stand. The night of the fire in question he went to Jackson City. Reaching there shortly past 10 o'clock he started to enter the house of Foster and Sanderson. Seeing a blaze he made an attempt to extinguish it. When he entered, he said, a man ordered him out. He also saw a man using a swab on the floor. When asked who the man was who had ordered him out Hunley pointed to Nelson "It was that gentleman there," he said,

quite positively. Witness first noticed the blaze when he started to enter the building. When or-dered out he saw the keeper of the bar, but said nothing to him about discovering the blaze. At that time the fire engines had not arrived. After that, witness stated, he first mentioned the matter to his wife. He did not discuss it with Foster, Sanderson or Meyers.

Overheard Word of Caution.

Walter H. Lovelace, residing at 1244 9th street northwest, Washington, was in the club house twenty minutes before the fire. The building was twenty yards from the and others, including the defendant, near of burning house. He emerged just after the blaze was discovered, crossing the road, and finally went away, going in a west-erly direction. Witness heard Nelson tell Tippett net to go into the burning house, he stated, and also heard La Fontaine say to Nelson: "John, what are you doing there?" Nelson, according to witness, made the reply: "You see what I am doing, don't you?" La Fontaine asked: "Why didn't you tell me, so that I could get my stuff out? I haven't done anything

Without further questioning the witness was turned over to counsel for the defense.

Barkeeper's Testimony.

and was cross-examined.

Stonewall Jackson Mann, who resides at 353 K street southwest, Washington, said he was employed as barkeeper at the Jackson City club house. The night of July 14

pany with Nelson. After the arrival Nelson and La Fontaine had a conversation which was overheard by the witness. He said that Nelson spoke to La Fontaine about discontinuing the 'bus to Jackson City. The latter asked when, to which Nelson replied, "From now on." Both men Inquiry Regarding the Fire appeared angry, but left together, witness said. The fire started ten minutes after this conversation. In addition to the house in question, witness stated, Meyers' place and the club house were in operation in Jackson City July 14.

Under cross-examination witness said that the premises about the burned houses were brightly lighted by electricity, rendering difficult any clandestine movement about he place.

Henry Clayton, a colored waiter at the club house, witnessed the fire. He saw an angry conference between Nelson and La Fontaine. The former left, going to the "policy shop." He stayed there three or four minutes, witness said, and when he came out the building was on fire. About 1 o'clock a recess was taken for lunch and when court convened again La

Fontaine was on the stand.

William J. Smith's Statement. The testimony of one witness a man giving his name as William J. Smith of Washington, was heard late vesterday afternoon. On direct examination he said he had been employed for some time prior to the burning of the houses in Jackson City as driver of a 'bus from Pennsylvania avenue and 13½ street to the south end of Long bridge. John Nelson and John Tighe were among the passengers the night of July 14. The latter occupied a seat on the box with the driver. They boarded the vehicle, witness stated, about 10:30. When Jackson City was reached the two men left the 'bus, Nelson going first. From his seat Smith saw the pair approach the frame building of Foster & Sanderson. They were about twenty yards from the witness, who stated that he heard Neison ask his companion if he had any coal oil. Tighe replied no, but suggested that "Mose" had some. Smith then saw the two men enter the house. A little later he drove his team to a nearby shed where he had a good view of the premises. A few minutes passed and he saw nothing more of Nelson and Tighe. Then the house burst into a flame.

The substance of Smith's testimony was inchanged by the cross-examination. The bus was stopped running to the gambling received pay from Foster. Prior to the fire he was paid by a man named La Fontaine. He denied knowing anything about the nature of the business conducted in the burn-ed houses, saying that he had never been in any of them, and also denied having expressed a belief in the innocence of Nelson.

BAPTISTS MEET.

Twenty-Sixth Annual Session of Mt. Bethel Association.

The initial session of the twenty-sixth annual convention of the Mount Bethel Baptist Association convened in the Second Baptist Church on 3d street between H and I streets northwest this morning at shortly after 11 o'clock, with about seventy-five delegates from Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia present. The sessions will be continued this afternoon, tonight and tomorrow and Thursday.

Rev. W. B. Johnson, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, called the convention to order and the opening hymn was rendered. Rev. George H. Harris, pastor of Jerusalem Baptist Church of Georgetown, read the scripture lesson, fourth chapter of St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians. At the conclusion of the reading prayer was offered by Rev. McKenny of Baltimore. After the singing of another anthem, "I Will Trust in the Lord," Rev. George H. Harris of Jerusalem Baptist Church of Georgetown preached the introductory ser-mon, taking his text from II Thessalonians, second chapter and fourteenth verse. Rev. W. B. Johnson welcomed the dele-

gates to the annual meeting with appro-priate remarks, his address being responded to by Rev. George W. Lee, pastor of the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church. Reports were submitted by the moderator Rev. H. H. Hickson of Virginia, advocating the erection of suitable buildings on the extensive tract owned by the association in the state named for the aged and indigent,

past year. The choice of officers for the ensuing year esulted in the re-election of the entire old beard, as follows: Rev. W. H. Hickson of Comorn, Va., moderator; Jones Watkins of Baltimore, vice moderator: R. B. Page of Oak Grove, Va., secretary, and Bassett Bumray of Mathias Point, Va., treasurer. The recent death of Rev. Hamilton of Steelton was referred to in a feeling address by Rev. N. A. Marriatt.
The session adjourned at 2 o'clock and re-

convened at 3:30. Tonight's session will convene at 8 o'clock. Lunch was served in the Sunday school room by the ladies of the church.

REPAIRING FIGHTING SHIPS. Work on Vessels Long Out of Com-

mission. While the joint army and navy maneuvers are progressing, work will be carried on steadily at the navy yards along the Atnothing of the business which was conducted in the houses in question. He had been long out of commission and which are being hurried into shape for the great naval maneuvers in the Caribbean in his hearing the night of the fire was said next January. At the Portsmouth, N. H., yard, the protected cruiser Raleigh and the unprotected cruiser Detroit are getting ready, while at Boston the protected cruiser Newark and the supply ship Culgoa; at the New York yard the protected cruiser Baltimore, and at Norfolk the second-class day night he was engaged to drive the trio battleship Texas are being put in shape These vessels together with a number of torpedo craft which are now laid up constitute all of the additional warships which will be pressed into service for the big ren-

CAPTAIN DISAPPEARED AT SEA. Master of the Advance Probably Fell Overboard.

NEW YORK, August 26.- Capt. C. W. ing in Jackson City, witnessed the burning Philips, commander of the Panama Railof the houses. She saw Nelson at the place | road Company's steamship Advance, disof a man named Wells in the village late appeared at sea on August 21 during the in the night. He was unaccompanied, ex- voyage of that vessel from Colon to this cept by the driver of a vehicle with whom port. He was sixty-two years of age and he left, going toward his home in the resided in Brooklyn. He had been ill for a long time, but recovered his health and returned to duty this trip. On the return from Colon he appeared to be in his usual spirits. About 6 o'clock in the evening of August 21, while the passengers and crew were at dinner, Capt. Phillips was missed. It was thought on board that while leaning over the rail he was attacked by vertigo and fell into the sea.

On the outward voyage on August 10, Harry Briscoe, aged forty years, chief cook, a native of Scotland, disappeared. He is supposed to have tumped overboard. Among the passengers who arrived on the Advance was H. A. Gudger, United States

LOST IN BERING SEA.

Captain of Fishing Schooner Reports

Some Men Missing.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 26.-The fishng schooner Stanley, which has returned from Bering sea, reports that on May 18 Second Mate Manuel Cadoza was lost during a storm in Bristol bay. His dory, waterlogged and empty, was picked up sevhouse first fired. He saw several hackman eral days later. On June 8 four dories were hidden from sight by a dense fog. One of the premises. First saw latter coming out them, that of Marlin Scofin, was never seen again, and Scofin is supposed to have been lost. Another of the missing dories, containing John Quist, was picked up by the Stanley after an absence of four days and three nights. Quist was feeble from hunger

and emosure. The other hoats contained Hans Larser and Olaf Olsen of this city, who had ship-ped for the voyage out of curiosity to see the arctic. They were lost in the fog for ten days and nights. After being tossed about for four days they made land and lived on raw fish until picked up by the

Boer Women and Children Killed. BLOEMFONTEIN, Orange River Colony, August 26.-A switch engine crashed into a train conveying refugees to Johanneshe had ridden ', the south end of Long bridge, he said on the regular 'bus in combridge, he can be said on the reg

ANNUAL SESSION

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN PHARMACISTS TO MEET.

Golden Anniversary to Be Celebrated With Special Ceremony-Washington to Send Delegates.

At the next regular monthly meeting of the District of Columbia Pharmaceutical Association, which will be held the latter part of this or early next week, delegates will be appointed to attend the fiftieth annual convention of the American Pharmaceutical Association, to be held in Philadelphia, Pa., from the 8th to the 22d proximo. The delegates representing the local association will make a detailed report to the national body upon the drug trade of the capital city. It is expected that a large number of the Washington pharmacists will attend the sessions of the convention in addition to the duly appointed

representatives. The coming meeting of the national body is expected by local druggists to be a memorable one for all who attend, for the reason that it will be in the nature of a golden jubilee of the association, it being the fiftieth anniversary of its organization.

Heretofore the sessions of the national association have only extended over four or five days, but it has been decided to celebrate the semi-centennial occasion by a convention of two weeks. The sessions will be presided over by Dr. Fred Hoffmann, formerly editor of the Pharmaceutical Re-view, but who has made his home in Berlin, Germany, for several years past. Dr. Hoffmann comes to the United States expressly for the purpose of participating in the anniversary.

Date of Jubilee.

All the sessions of the convention will be held in the assembly hall of the Hotel Walton. The national body has designated Thursday, September 11, as the day for the jubilee session. This session is expected to be especially interesting on this account. Arrangements have been made to hold an exhibition in connection with the conven-tion, at Horticultural Hall, on Broad street, near the headquarters of the drug-gists. The special committee of the semicentennial convention has arranged a spe-clal exhibition to be held in the lobby of Horticultural Hall, consisting of portraits, autograph documents, rare books, appara-tus, etc., the property of the members of the association, which will undoubtedly prove a rare treat to all to see them. This feature of the convention has been arrang-ed in addition to the liberal and instructive exhibit prepared by drug manufacturers and dealers.

Program of Exercises.

The following has been arranged as the program for the first eight days of the convention:

Monday, September 8-9:30 a.m., council meeting; 3 p.m., first general session; 8 p.m., reception tendered to the visiting members and their ladies at the Hotel Tuesday, September 9-10 a.m., second

general session; 3 p.m., meeting of section on commercial interests. Wednesday, September 10-10 a.m., third general session, devoted to discussion of exhibits; 8 p.m., session of the section on scientific papers.

Thursday, September 11-10 a.m., session of the section on scientific papers; 3 p.m., golden jubilee meeting of the association. Friday, September 12-10 a.m., session of the section on practical pharmacy and dispensing: 8 p.m., session of the section on scientific papers.

Saturday, September 13-10 a.m., sess on of the section on education and legislation. Monday, September 15-10 a.m., session of the section on education and legislation; 3 p.m., last general session. In addition the following preliminary program has been perfected

Sunday, September 7-Reception of incom-

ing delegates Wednesday, September 10-2:30 p.m., drive through Fairmount Park, along the banks Schuylkill and Wissahickon to Chestnut Hill.

banquet. Friday, September 12-1:30 p.m., steamboat excursion and lunch on the Delaware river, tendered by the Philadelphia Association of Retail Druggists. Arrangements have also been made whereby all visitors may spend Saturday

and Sunday, September 13 and 14, at Atlantic City, at reduced hotel rates.

MANHOLES AND COVERS.

President of C. and P. Telephone Company Objects to Standard.

U. N. Bethell, president of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, has written to the District Commissioners on the subject of standard manholes and covers. He says his understanding is that the Engineer Commissioner has recommended, as a standard, a cover with an opening of twenty-six inches, and that in special cases, upon application being made therefor, covers with thirty-inch openings will be authorized.

"To avoid delay," says Mr. Bethell, "I send this communication in advance of presenting formal application, to request that thirty-inch openings be authorized on the main trunk subways to be constructed on 14th street, R street and 12th street, as shown on our general plan, and at points where these main trunk subways are joined

by spurs.

"This may appear to specialize a large number of manholes to be constructed un der the general plan for this year's work but you are aware that because of our inability during the past several years construct any subways the plans for this year call for a relatively large proportion of main trunk subways. For the reasons al-ready urged, our engineers are of the opinion that manhole openings less than thirty inches in diameter along the main trunk subways at the junction points referred to would be seriously objectionable.

"As we are desirous of beginning work at the earliest possible moment, we this request will have early and favorable

Col. John Biddle, the Engineer Commissioner, after considering the matter, has forwarded the papers to Commissioner Macfarland with the following recommendation "Twelfth street up to R street and R street between 12th and 15th streets might seem to be special cases on account of the location of exchanges, so that this permission I recommend be granted, and es street. On 14th street north of R street. do not recommend thirty-inch openings unless some other reason can be shown. This street being very much traveled and having street cars on it, large manholes would be a very decided injury to the street.
"On R street the situation does not seem to be very different from that of a number

of other streets in the city and to gran the permission would amount to allowing y-inch manholes throughout the city "I wish to emphasize my position that there is no objection on my part to man-holes of any size, provided the necessity for them can be shown. This has not been don up to the present. Every manhole, of which there are necessarily many in the city, is an inconvenience and source of danger to the public. These increase as the size creases and therefore should be kept to the minimum necessary for the proper operation of the various systems."

OVERCOME BY GAS.

Capt. Jerry Gibson, a Marylander, in Critical Condition.

Capt. Jerry Gibson of Oakley, St. Mary's county, Md., was removed to the Emergency Hospital this afternoon from Mades' Hotel, at Pennsylvania avenue and 36 street northwest, for treatment. He was in an insensible condition from the effects of illuminating gas he had inhaled. Dr. Battle attended him at the hotel and advised his removal to the hospital. He had not regained consciousness at 3 o'clock

Slight Fire.

No. 1 chemical company was called to the premises of J. S. Topham, 1219 F street northwest, about 9:15 o'clock this morning, because of a slight blaze in the cellar. A lighted match dropped on some waste paper caused the blaze. Very little dam-age was done.

R. F. DONERTY BEATS WHITMAN. Wins Three Out of Four Sets in

Finals. NEWPORT, R. L. August 26.-The finest kind of weather prevailed today for the final event in the national lawn tennis championship, and the Casino grounds were early, thronged by an eager, expectant crowd. b

Before the game began the betting was

4 to 1 in favor of Whitman. The question which English player would meet Whitman had been in doubt until the men came out for the warming-up just before play was begun. The result was not long in doubt. It was seen early in the playing that the American was in poor form today, and save at intervals the Englishman did almost as he pleased.

In the first set Whitman got but one game.

game. He braced and wen the second set, 6-3, and showed good work in the third, taking four games, but Doherty won. Whitman had no speed whatever in the fourth set, and Doherty won easily.

Summary: Championship singles, final match. R. F. Doherty beat M. D. Whitman, 6-1, In order to win the title of champion of America, Doherty will have to meet and defeat Larned, the present holder of the

OUR TRADE WITH RUSSIA. Official Reports Indicate American Goods Are Popular.

Correspondence of the Associated Press. ST. PETERSBURG, Tuesday, August 12 .-The official report on Russia's foreign trade for the first four months of 1902 shows the American importations to be virtually the same as in 1900, apparently indicating that Russian buyers have become fully convinced it is better to buy American machinery, in spite of the discriminating duty

against it. The comparative figures for 1900, 1901 and 1902 are, respectively, \$8,980,000, \$7,158,000 and \$8,913,500. In the meantime German and British imports have fallen, their figures being \$34,061,500, \$32,216,500 and \$30,-297,000 and \$15,064,000, \$14,317,000 and \$10,-394,000. The whole import has continued falling, so that the share of America is relatively larger than in 1900. The exports

FRENCH TREATY QUESTIONED.

That of August 12, 1853, Said to Be Unconstitutional.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 26.-The United States courts have been called upon to determine the constitutionality of certain provisions of the treaty between this country and France, proclaimed August 12, 1853. The issue has arisen out of the imprisonment of Francois Leberne, a French sailor, by Chief of Police Wittman, in compliance with the request of French Consul General Henry Dallemagne, who invoked as authority a clause of the treaty named, which confers exclusive jurisdiction over French merchant vessels on French consu-

Ex-Governor James H. Budd, at the request of the Sailors' Union, applied to Judge De Haven in the United States district court for a writ of habeas corpus for Leberne, on the main issue that the treaty under which he has been arrested and is now confined is contrary to the Constitution of the United States. The writ was granted and made returnable tomorrow

CLUB HOUSE FOR SAILORS.

Movement Begun by Capt. McCalla Near Fulfillment.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 26.-The movement in behalf of the establishment of a club house for United States sailors at Vallejo has progressed so satisfactorily that the committee in charge felt justified in having a design prepared of the building. It will be situated on a lot opposite the Mare Island navy yard, on land purchased for that purpose with the prize money obtained by Capt. B. H. McCalla of the United States navy, during the Spanish-American war, which was set aside for this object. Among the benefactors to the Vallejo Club for sailors have been Col. R. Thompson of New York and Henry Phipps, a well-known friend of mariners. The building will be 100 by 90 feet, three stories high and arranged as a model club house, with every modern convenience.

NOT BRIBED TO BE GOOD.

Secretary Branch Denies Report Re-

garding a Convict. NEW YORK, August 26.-James R. Branch. secretary of the American Bankers' Association, gave out the following statement today to the Associated Press:

"The report which has appeared in a good many papers to the effect that Charles Becker, who is serving a sentence for forgery, will be paid a salary or pension by the American Bankers' Association to stop his career in crime, is absolutely untrue. He is now at San Quentin penitentiary, California. Through the efforts of this association he was tried and convicted some years back for a depredation on a member of our organization. It is well known that we spare criminal who operated on our members. The association never has and never pay one dollar, however, to this class of people through fear of their future crimes.

MANY CLUBS REPRESENTED.

At Women's Golf Championship Games at Lake Forest, Ill.

CHICAGO, August 26 .- Play in the qualifying round of the second annual western with that of the seventh annual women's championship of the Onwentsia Club, began under almost perfect conditions today on the links of the Onwentsia Club at Lake Forest. Sixty-two players, representing Forest. Sixty-two players, representing all the details would be perfected just as seventeen of the best-known clubs of the quickly as possible, and that the army west, were entered-a record number for the events. Two cups go to the winner of the joint tournament, the governors', which for five years was considered the trophy of the women's championship of the Western Golf Association, and the Alexander cup, which two years ago was made the particular prize of the association event. Miss Bessie Anthony of Glenview, the present western champion, is prime favorite today. In the event that she should win the tourney both cups will go to her permanently, inasmuch as she has won the championship two years

The opening round was at eighteen holes, medal play—the first sixteen players qualifying for the championship and governors' cup. The next sixteen will qualify for the governors' solace cup and the third sixteen the country that the country the country that the teen for the governors' tyro cup. Judging from scores made over the course yester-day, the low score for the qualifying round will be somewhere between 95 and 100.

Charged With Passing Bad Checks. Capt. Boardman received a letter today from Charles Elton, chief of police of Los Angeles, Cal., asking that the local officials look out for and arrest Edward Davidson, who is wanted in that city on charges of passing worthless checks for large amounts. A letter from William J. Sullivan, chief-of detectives of Louisville, was also received, in which it is stated that a man known as E. M. Moncrief, who is reported to be Davidson, is wanted there for passing an alleged worthless check for \$100 on a citizen. This check was given on the Second National Bank of this city and purported to bear the signature of the firm of Ridenour & Jenks, publishers of the Army and Navy Register. In California, it is alleged, Davidson repre-sented himself as an inspector of the in-ternal revenue department.

Aged Woman's Illness. Lucinda Sergeant, colored, ninety-three

years old, was taken ill while on Washington street, Anacostia, shortly after noon today. She was conveyed to her home on Hamilton road in the patrol wagon from the fifth precinct station house.

PLUMBING IN DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT OF O. L. IN-GALLS, INSPECTOR.

Prosecutions for Violations of Regulations-Statistical Showing by the Plumbing Board.

Mr. O. L. Ingalls, the inspector of plumbing this afternoon submitted his annual report to the Commissioners. The total number of inspections under the direction of the office was 22,621, an increase of 929 over those of the previous year. These comprise 3,868 examinations of existing plumbing, 7,126 inspections of remodeling. extensions and repairs; 6,017 inspections of plumbing in new buildings, 1,996 peppermint tests, 1,283 inspections of gas fitting and gas fixtures, 658 inspections of lead water service pipes, 754 sewer laterals tapped into main sewers, 55 new terra cotta house sewers and 760 repairs to terra cotta sewers. Plumbing plans were examined and approved and certificates issued for 1,008 new buildings, an increase over

last year of 37. In Public Schools.

With regard to plumbing in the public schools, the report says:

"The appropriation of \$25,000 for repairs to and changes in plumbing in public schools resulted in the preparation of plans and specifications, and the renovation of the plumbing in the Lincoln, Mott and Randall school buildings, and the erection of a single structure containing a boiler room and tollet facilities for the Addison and Curtis schools. The work in the first three schools mentioned consisted of detached single-story toilet buildings fully equipped with approved types of fixtures, and provided in each case with an indepen steam heating apparatus.

"The plumbing work proposed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, includes new toilet facilities for the Morse, Maury, Amidon, Wormley, Twining and Blair schools; the fixtures to be located in each case in the basement, with necessary small fixtures for the upper floors. All the schools mentioned have very antiquated plumbing arrangements located in inferior outside buildings, with no possible means of protection from frost.

Prosecutions for Violations.

Thirty-eight cases involving violations of the plumbing and gas-fitting laws and regulations were brought to the attention of the Police Court. Nineteen were for violation of the plumbing and gas-fitting laws, three for employing unregistered plumbers and gas fitters, one for excavating in the public space without a permit, and fifteen for violation of the plumbing regulations. In eighteen of these cases fines were imposed, eleven were nolle prossed for reason that the orders of the Commissioners to comply with the plumbing regulations had been complied with after information had been filed in the Police Court, and two for want of evidence. Six forfeited collaterals and one case was dismissed.

The question of providing tollet stations for the city, to be used by both men and women, is one of considerable importance, and efforts should be made to secure permission from Congress to make use of such government reservations as may be found necessary for that purpose.

As soon as the required permission has been granted for the location of such constructions no time should be lost in securing an appropriation for the preparation of the necessary plans and the construction of at least two such stations. The structures, in my opinion, should be of the underground type, hidden from view, and provision made for caretakers to be in

attendance at all times Report of Plumbing Board.

The inspector also submits the report of the plumbing board and the estimates for his office for the year 1904. General increases are asked for in salaries, and in regard to work in the schools Mr. Ingalls says: "I respectfully recommend that the ap-

to and changes in plumbing in the existing school buildings be requested in the annual many urgent cases of insanitary plumbing in the public schools that should be attended to at once and are only awaiting sufficient appropriations to carry out the "I also recommend that a specific appro-

propriation of \$25,000 for necessary repairs

priation of \$5,000 be asked for the purpose of grading, paving and draining school yards. Many school inclosures are ex-tremely objectionable and can only be remedied by a specific appropriation for that purpose.'

ARMY AND NAVY MANEUVERS. Arouses Interest Along Coast-Arrival of Gen. MacArthur.

FISHER'S ISLAND, N. Y., August 26 .-For several hours after midnight last night the searchlight of the army station at Napatree Point, off Watch Hill, exchanged signals with a light at Fort Trumbull, New London, presumably conveying information to the army officers regarding preparations for the war game between the army and navy which is to begin next Friday at midnight. Summer residents of this island have for weeks been deeply interested in the plans for the maneuvers, and the presence of a large camp of artillerymen. among whom the strict discipline of actual wartime is already enforced, has of late added to that interest. From a hill road near the center of the island it is possible to look down on the military reservation but no near approach to the fort is permit-

.. EW LONDON, Conn., August 26 .- Maj. Gen. Arthur MacArthur, commanding the department of the east, has arrived here, accompanied by Gen. Harrison and his personal staff. The general declined to be interviewed regarding the army's part in the w maneuvers. He did say, however, that give a good account of itself in the game of war.

Blue and Gray Celebrate.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. CUMBERLAND, Md., August 26 .- Today about forty members of McNeill's Rangers. a confederate command from Hampshire, Mineral, Grant and Hardy counties, passed through here en route to California, Pa., where to morrow they will join in the reunion of the Ringgold Battalion, their old adversaries. Last year the Ringgold men visited the McNeill men, who held their reunion at Moorefield, W. Va.

Trial of the Tuscarora.

Capt. J. W. Collins, chief engineer of the revenue cutter service, and a board of engineers will leave Washington tonight to test the final trial trip of the cutter Tuscarora, which has just been completed by the Trigg Shipbuilding Company of Richmond. The cutter left Richmond today for Newport News, and will be boarded there tomorrow by the engineer officers. The trial calls for eight hours' run at sea from Newport News. The preliminary trial of the vessel some time ago was satisfactory to the officials of the cutter service, and it is believed the last trial tomorrow will prove satisfactory. The vessel is the first one ever built for the revenue cutter service at Richmond. When completed it will be sent Richmond. When completed it will be sent to the great lakes for service. It will be armed with rapid-fire guns. The contract price for the Tuscarora was \$157,000.

For Benefit of Creditors. The Potomac Shoe Company this after-

noon made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, naming James B. Green assignee. The assets of the company amount to \$1,930.87, so it is stated, and its liabilities \$1,046.56.

Mr. Van Schaack at The Hague.

THE HAGUE, August 26 .- Robert H. Van

Schaack, treasurer of the Holland Society of

Schaack, treasurer of the Holland Society of 5 per cents, coupon, 1925.

Chicago, has arrived here to visit former 5 per cents, coupon, 1904.

President Kruger and the Boer generals. 1 District of Columbia 3.65s.

AUTOMATIC MACHINES.

Commissioners to Determine Matter of Taxing Cigar-Vending Machines. The District Commissioners have been requested by the assessor's office to secure from the corporation counsel an opinion as to the licensing of automatic cigar-vending machines. It is stated that in a former

for the use of said apparatus or machines

and to the machines mentioned in the par

In paragraph 46 of the same law a license tax of \$12 per annum is imposed upon cigar dealers. There are throughout the District a number of automatic slot machines by means of which cigars are vended. It is

understood that a number of these ma-chines are owned by persons or firms who

secure the privilege of locating them in stores and other places by allowing a per-

centage on the sales. Complaint is made by licensed cigar dealers that the failure to

icense these machines vending cigars is an

The corporation counsel will have to de-

cide whether or not the slot machines are to be regarded as cigar dealers or not.

ACTIVE FOR REORGANIZATION.

New League of Soldiers and Sailors

Increases in Strength.

In response to the announcement of a

meeting of the new Soldiers' and Sailors'

Political League a large number of old sol-

diers gathered at 612 F street northwest

last evening. Many new members were

enrolled, including veterans who affiliate

with the G. A. R., the U. V. U. and the

Arrangements were partly completed for

the holding of a public mass meeting at

Maccabee Hall, 9th street northwest, Tues-

It was expected that Washington Coun-

cil, No. 1, of the new order would be in-

augurated at last night's meeting, but it was postponed until Tuesday, September 9.

Fifty thousand copies of the formal ad-dress of the league will be sent at once

instructions, according to a statement made

Staunton, Va., and elsewhere are enthusias-

tic in their desire to organize at once," Mr.

fact now, because the uprising is like unto the eruption of Mt. Pelee. No power that

we might exercise would be able to sup press it. It has gone beyond our control."

CHARGE OF ASSAULT.

Struck Carroll Downs.

Charles A. Edwards, who, it is said, is

secretary of the democratic congressional

committee, was a defendant in the Police

Court today on a charge of assault with a

to the charge, waived a hearing and gave

bond of \$500 for his appearance when

Mr. Carroll Downs, private secretary to

Senator McComas of Maryland, is the com-

plainant in the case, and he alleges that

Edwards attacked and struck him with a

cane while near the corner of 19th street

and Columbia road about 8 o'clock last

night. Edwards was arrested later in the

evening on a charge of assault and de-posited \$25 collateral for his appearance in

the Police Court today. When the case reached the office of the prosecuting attor-

assault is alleged to have taken place, and

his attention to noises which issued from

Case Sent to Grand Jury.

nation in the Police Court today on a charge

of assaulting George Gosnell with a dan-

32d and M street, about 3 o'clock yesterday

afternoon. The police report that the men

stabled several times in the side and breast

Building Permits Issued.

Fourth-Class Postmasters.

asked. Commercial, 5 bid. Colomai, 45 bid. asked.

Title Insurance Stocks—Real Estate Title, 87 bid, 94 asked. Columbia Title, 4½ bid, 5 asked. Washington Title, 2 bid, 3½ asked.

Telephone and Graphophone Stocks—Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone, 45 bid, 46½ asked. American Graphophone Com., 5½ bid, 6 asked. American Graphophone Pref., 8½ bid, 10½ asked.

Gas Stocks—Washington Gas, 75¼ bid, 75½ asked. Georgetown Gas, 75 bid.

Type Machine Stocks—Mergenthaler Linotype, 187 bid, 187 asked. Lanston Monotype, 12 bid, 12½ asked.

Miscellaneous Stocks—Greene Con. Copper Co., 25% bld, 27 asked. Washington Market, 16 bid. Norfolk and Washington Steamboat, 180 bid.

Government Bonds.

per cents, registered, 1908-1928, per cents, coupon, 1908-1928, per cents, registered, 1908-1928, per cents, registered, 1907, per cents, coupon, 1907, per cents, coupon, 1925, per cents, coupon, 1925, per cents, registered, 1904

1034 Jefferson avenue northwest.

street northwest; cost, \$2,000.

northeast; cost, \$35.

were appointed today:

he carried.

wanted before the grand jury.

'The soldiers' homes at Dayton, Ohio,

The success of the league is an assured

by Secretary Stratton this afternoon.

Veterans' Legion.

new organization.

Stratton continued.

day evening, September 9

agraph only.

Southern Pacific opinion counsel has held that the license law refers to slot machines, mentioned in paragraph 29 only, which enumerates machines "by which objects, pictures or fig-ALSO WESTERN UNION ures are presented to public view, or musical or vocal exhibitions are automatically given on the deposit of money or metal, or SHARP DEMAND FOR ILLINOIS where a pecuniary consideration is received

> Indications That the Southern Merger is to Be Put Through

NEW YORK, August 26.-Higher prices n London reflecting advances varying from % to 1 per cent and an increase in the volume of commission business resulted in higher prices in the local stock market this morning. Under cover of the

The pool in Southern Pacific has undoubt edly attracted some public following and is reported to have sold some 50,000 shares so far this week. The advance in Union Pacific was resumed and made a most satisfactory cloak for the realizing in the former issue. The advance in Southern Pacific has been rapid, and the present selling is accepted as a natural incident which in no way injures the main move-

after a period of neglect and gave a good account of themselves. The old pool was credited with new purchases, and the common stock responded easily to this de-mand. In some quarters there was a tendency to consider the movement in Atchi-son as being a part of the professional pro-At that time prominent speakers will ex-plain from the platform the objects of the

throughout the country. California and Kansas seem to be foremost in asking for gent. There are rumors of pronounced pressure being brought to force a settlement of the coal strike by means of some triffing concessions from the operators.

> lpation of an early ending of labor troubles upon some basis.
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> Baltimore and Ohio held its sharp ad-

The soft coal roads were steady, and in many of them there was almost no stock seeking a market. The Gould party were credited with a revival of buying in Missouri Pacific, but other southwestern roads Charles A. Edwards Alleged to Have vere less active.

The advance in Western Union brought out a considerable volume of long stock and resulted in a reaction of more than 1 per cent from the best level of the morning. dangerous weapon. He pleaded not guilty The Express stocks were strong and active under a good demand, and there was a moderate demand for Tractions. General Electric developed some strength on narrow trading, and there was a fair inquiry for the steel issues and a few of the older

industrials. ville deal.

an early announcement of the southern rail road plan, but there were no official devel-Money was again in good supply, and there was a noticeable decrease in the fears

Furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., bankers and it is further said that Edwards struck and brokers, J419 F st., members New York stock exchange, Washington stock ex-Downs on the right arm with a cane which

> Republic Steel & Iron... 211/4 8t. L. and S. Fran, 2d pf4 8t. Louis Southwestern. St. Louis S. W., pfd..... Southern Pacific......

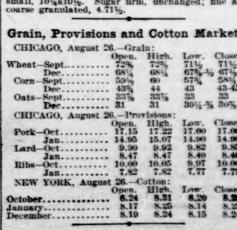
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Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, August 26.—Flour dull, unchanged; receipts, 16,360 barrels; exports, 743 barrels; Wheat dull; spot and August, 73%,474; September, 73%,473%; October, 734,471½; receipts, 67,174 bushels; exports, none; southern by sample, 68a74; southern on grade, 71%,471½; receipts, 67,174 bushels; exports, none; southern by sample, 68a74; southern on grade, 71%,474½. Corn dull; new or old Kovember, 47; year, 45%,45%; January, 45%, asked; receipts, 997 bushels; exports, none; southern white corn, 65a66; southern yellow corn, 66a67. Oats firmer; No. 2, 96; No. 2 white, 39a40; No. 2 mixed, 32a, 32½; receipts, 19,768 bushels; exports, none. Rye firmer; No. 2, 56; No. 2 western, 57a57½; receipts, 7,000 bushels; exports, none. Hay quiet and easy; No. 1 timothy, \$18.00a\$18.50 for old; No. 1 clover mixed (old), \$15.50. Grain freights slow, unchanged. Butter firm, unchanged; fancy imitation, 18a19; fancy creamery, 20a21; fancy ladle, 17a18; fancy roll, 16a17; good roll, 15; store packed, 14a 15. Eggs firm, unchanged; fresh, 19a20. Cheese steady, unchanged; large, 9%,a10; medium, 16a10½; small, 10½,a10½. Sugar firm, unchanged; fine and coarse granulated, 4.71½.

Grain, Provisions and Cotton Markets.



Whatever may be the exact status of the strike, inside interests are evidently behind the buying of the coal shares, and in antic-

St. Louis and Southwestern was sold by inside interests, and there was no confir-mation of the early dividend rumors.

In a general way the street shows some impatience over the delay in announcing the settlement of the Louisville and Nash-A sudden demand for Illinois Central dur-

ney a more serious charge, that of assault with a dangerous weapon, was substituted.

Mr. Downs and Mr. Edwards, who are neighbors, reside near the corner where the of a tight money market. Activity without

change and Chicago poard of trade. Open. High. Low. Close

Amalgamated Copper... American Smelting..... Anaconda 1024 01 Atchison, Top. & S. Fe. 933 954 Atch., Top. & S. Fe, pid 1024 1034 Baltimore & Ohio 1153 11534 gerous weapon, while near the corner of Centra of New Jersey ... had an argument and that Gosnell was

Pacific Mail Steamship. Pennsylvania K. R. ...

St. L. and S. Francisco

Southern Railway lexas Pacine..... Union Pacific.

S. Leather. s. Rubber. A abasb. pid...

Amer. Locomotive, pfd 95 Mexican Central Kansas City Southern ...

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CENTRAL.

FINANCE AND TRADE

Some Realizing Noted in

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strength profit-taking on a large scale was noted in the more active shares, but all sales were well absorbed.

ment. Atchisons were taken up aggressively

gram for increasing the apparent breadth of the trading. Erie was advanced under a good demand and there was a significant buying of Reading in spite of sales by the western contin

vance of yesterday remarkably well, but the pool sold stock around 115 as the mar-ket would take it.

ing the afternoon gave rise to rumors of

last night Downs met Edwards and called New York Stock Market. James E. Bailey, thirty-three years of age, a lineman by occupation, residing at 312 M street southwest, waived an exami-

The amount of bond was fixed at \$500 until the case is called by the grand jury. Gos-nell is forty years of age and resides at Erie, common..... Building permits were issued today as Erie. letpra.... Bernard Ostermann, one two-story and

cellar brick private stable, rear 1417 T Warren E. Sullivan and sister, brick addition and repairs, 461 Blair avenue, Takoma Park; cost, \$150. C. M. McClay, repairs, 428 4th street

The following fourth-class postmasters New York—Glencairn, Chas. T. Laughlin. Pennsylvania—Millbrook, Jos. A. Hovis; Oak Hall Station, Lucy A. Kline.

Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales—Regular call, 12 o'clock noon—Capital Traction, 20 at 125. West End Bank, 10 at 140. Arilington Ins., 10 at 31. Washington Gas, 25 at 75½, 10 at 75½, 25 at 75½, 10 at 186½, 10 at 187, 10 at 197. Lanston Monetype, 100 at 18½, 100 at 12½. After call—Washington Gas, 4 at 75½, 2 at 75½. Greene Con. Copper, 100 at 26¾, 100 at 26½, 3. Railroad Bonds—Capital Traction 4s, 108 bid. Metropolitan 5s, 119¾ bid, 119¾ asked. Metropolitan Cert. Indebt. 5s, A, 100¾ bid. Metropolitan Cert. Indebt. 5s, B, 106¾ bid. Columbia 6s, 123 bid. Columbia 5s, 107 bid. City and Suburban 5s, 100 bid. Anacostia and Petomac 5s, 100 bid. The Washington Railway and Electric Co. 4s, 85 tid, 85¼ asked.

Miscellaneous Bonds—Washington Gas Co. 6s, series A, 107 bid. Washington Gas Co. 6s, series A, 107 bid. U. S. Electric Light Deb. Imp. 6s, 106 bid. U. S. Electric Light Cert. Ind. 6s, 106 bid. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 5s, 103 bid. Masonic Hall Association 5s, 104 bid. American Graphophone Deb. 5s, 94¼ bid.

Safe Deposit and Trust Stocks—National Safe Deposit and Trust, 172 bid. Washington Loan and Trust, 220 bid. Washington Railway and Electric Co. Perf., 54½ bid, 225 asked. The Washington Railway and Electric Co. Perf., 54½ bid, 254 asked. The Washington Railway and Electric Co. Perf., 54½ bid, 255 asked. The Washington Railway and Electric Co. Perf., 54½ bid, 255 asked. The Washington Railway and Electric Co. Perf., 54½ bid, 255 asked. The Washington Railway and Electric Co. Perf., 54½ bid, 255 asked. The Washington Railway and Electric Co. Com., 16 bid.

National Bank Stocks—Bank of Washington, 375 bid, 430 asked. Metropolitan, 75 bid, 20 asked. Traukra, 150 bid. 155 asked. Lincoln, 120 bid. 125 asked. Metropolitan, 75 bid. 20 asked. Columbia, 110 asked. Traders', 130 bid, 135 asked. Columbia, 110 asked. Traders', 130 bid, 135 asked. Columbia, 110 asked. Traukranee Stocks—Firemen's, 25 bid, 30 asked. Fraukin, 49½ bid. Metropolitan, 75 bid. 90 asked. Columb Washington Stock Exchange.

One man was killed, three fatally injured, and one seriously hurt by the explosion of the boiler of a big mogul engine at Mexico.